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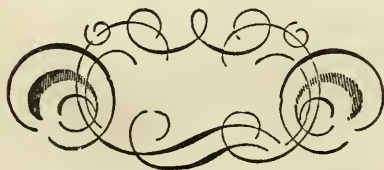
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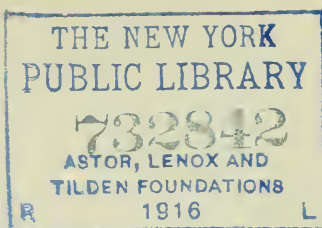
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THE following sketches were taken at random in the Senate Chamber, and may be considered a fair first impression of the writer. They might now be revised with much advantage to the composition; but it is preferred to present them in their original freshness. They may serve, in the absence of something better, to give an imperfect view of that body.

PENCILINGS OF SENATORS.

FIRST on the list of the Senators, comes the name of

JOHN C. ALWARD,

a tall, rather thin figure, of agreeable appearance, plain manners, and quite democratic in his bearing. He is forty years of age, and a native of Morris, N. J. ; five feet eleven inches high, and weighs one hundred and sixty pounds. He is of English descent on the maternal side. His complexion and hair are light, with a good eye, high nose and prominent features — of a sanguine-nervous temperament, with a slightly bilious tendency. He has a good development of the perceptive faculties, and generally a good head. As a Senator, he is not one of the talking tribe, and does his voting in a quiet, business-like, intelligent manner. I would place him quite upon, if not over the average of members ; and I cheerfully accord him industry in his work as a legislator.

EDWIN L. ARMSTRONG

Is the second on the list of ayes and noes. He is a native of Hamilton county, a part of which he represents but a very small part of his time, as he is hardly ever in his place. He is a young man, of good appearance, of Irish and Scottish parents ; but I have not his personal history. His complexion is fair, with rather a lymphatic temperament.

[After this appeared, the following was added, which very properly corrects a first conclusion, perhaps too hastily formed.]

I wish to amend the notice of Mr. Armstrong by way of ryder, as follows : He is every day in his seat at the hour, and watchful of the progress of business — noting closely to the subject. Mr. A. has read law, but spares the Senate the borage common to such students.

ROBERT J. ATKINSON

Is a small, black haired, oval featured, kindly-looking man. He was born in Middleton, Columbiana county, thirty years ago, of parents of English and Welsh descent. He weighs 135, and stands five feet ten inches in his boots. He has been studying law for some time past, and has made good progress — we may call him a lawyer. He is of a bilious temperament, and looks like a man that would work a good while without getting tired. He has considerable poetical taste, and cultivates a good style of speaking. He is earnest, and seldom says anything to be laughed at, unless it should be under some hyper-criticism upon his poetic flights. He is diffident, but possesses the faculty of commanding attention; and he has the virtue of always speaking to the point. He is the father of the interminable Tax Bill, now before the Senate — in itself evidence of his industry. His manners are amiable, and he will be likely to make more friends than enemies, though the latter will be apt to be bitter, while the former will be about as warm as friends usually are in this cold world. As a Senator, he is much above the average, and may go back to his constituents with his head up.

JOHN D. BURNET

Represents the district of Champaign, Clark and Madison — the first Whig on the list. He was born in Charlestown, Jefferson county, Va., in 1815. He still remains unmarried. His ancestors were from Scotland, and he carries with him much of the cautious prudence of that nation, to which he adds a very amiable and gentle deportment. He is wholly destitute of flourish, and would deal in humbug only when all other stock in trade was gone. His personal appearance is agreeable — five feet eight inches in height, weighing one hundred and forty pounds, with hair dark but not black, eyes hazel and lively. He is more than usually grave, and only speaks when he has something to say to the point. A whole Senate of such men would do few foolish things, and would make but few innovations; and perhaps but little of *progress* would mark their doings. Mr. B. is at present editor of the Urbana Citizen, and as such, acquits himself with credit and usefulness to his readers. When the average of the Senate is made out, he will be on the upper side.

CAUTIOUS C. COVEY

(Not Caucus, as has been printed) is now the Senator from Washington and Morgan, having successfully contested the seat taken by Mr. Corner at the beginning of the session. He is a native

of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence county, N. Y.; on the side of his mother of Welsh, and father of English descent. His height is five feet eleven inches, and he weighs one hundred and seventy-five pounds. He is rather bald, with a heavy beard and whiskers, which are reddish, though his hair is dark. His temperament is sanguine-nervous, with enough of the bilious to keep him going. Mr. C. is one of the most active and practical working Senators of his party, and though in the majority, his bearing to the minority is courteous and considerate. His most remarkable trait is independence of the opinions of his party, and great freedom in expressing himself when he thinks he is right. He is a good speaker, clear and forcible in his style, speaking mostly to the point unless when he scores an opponent, which he does pretty effectually, salting, as he goes, pretty freely with sarcasm. He is one of the strongest and most effective members of the Senate.

DAVID A. COX

Is the sixth on the list. He is a native of Kentucky, of mixed English and Irish descent, fifty-eight years of age, one hundred and fifty pounds weight, and five feet eleven inches high. He shows the effect of years in his appearance and manners. He comes from the District of Preble and Montgomery, (which is Whig in politics,) and was elected by the Whig party, and nominated through the management of the Dayton clique, to fill the place of M. B. Walker, who represented the district last year, and who had always been a consistent and firm Whig, though guilty of a little too much anti-slavery sentiment to suit the faction that defeated his nomination, besides the jealousy they felt in reference to Capt. Walker's ability and rising popularity. Dr. Cox was generally understood to be a Whig, though "not an ultra one," and was elected by the Whigs of his district. At the commencement of the session, he was regarded by the majority as a Whig, and was so treated by the Corporal's Guard of that party in the Senate; but a few weeks since, in a speech which he made on the Probate Bill, he placed himself on independent ground, and his votes have since been in accordance. He was appointed as a Whig on the Kossuth Committee, where he bore himself with unusual dignity and becoming gravity. Indeed, the Doctor is one of the most, if not *the* most, dignified member of the Senate. He appears, in his seat, to be absorbed in deep thought, and generally is more engaged in thinking than speaking; but he is always listened to when he speaks, and his remarks always furnish abundant amusement for the listeners. He is a very polite man, and something of a *petit maitre*, wearing a velvet cloak, and observing punctilious neatness in his dress. As a working

member he is not eminent; but I have no doubt that his constituents will be satisfied when he returns to them.

JOHN CRADLEBAUGH

Is a native of Circleville, and represents the District of Pickaway and Franklin. He is thirty-one years of age, and is married — of German and Irish descent. His height is six feet, and he weighs one hundred and eighty-two. His hair and beard are quite dark, while his complexion is light. He is a good, common-sense, practical, working member. Though a very decided partisan, he manages so as not to make himself disagreeable to his opponents. His natural manners are pleasing, and he will usually make more friends than enemies. He will rate above the average of Senators, and, except that his organ of language is a little too active, he may be put among the useful members.

ALONZO CUSHING

Represents the District of Lawrence, Gallia, Meigs and Vinton, and of course is a Whig. He was born some forty years ago, in Fredonia, N. York, of English parents. He is married, and a lawyer by profession — is five feet nine inches high, and weighs one hundred and eighty. He has quite black hair, and sports a fine fringe of black whiskers. He is of a sanguine-bilious temperament, with a well developed head. As a politician, he is, if anything, ultra-conservative, and most cordially hates demagoguery. But there “is a laughing devil in his eye,” that shows him to be able to appreciate a good joke, and he seldom lets an opportunity slip to strike fun out of even the iron dulness which sometimes surrounds him. In debate he is generally to the point, if not on the subject — sarcastic and severe, and a little too apt to throw a brickbat, when a smoother missile would do as well. He is free and courteous in his manners, and manages to keep out of serious difficulties. He makes a good, substantial Senator, and ranks far enough above the average to make him observed in the house. He is independent and fearless in the expression of his opinions, and adheres to what he thinks right; and, if I mistake not, would as soon get rid of an enemy by making up and forgiving him as in any other way. If politics don’t change round too much, he will be apt to come back.

WILLIAM E. FINCK

Is the Senator from Muskingum and Perry. He is a native of Somerset, in Perry county, of German paternal and French maternal descent; about thirty years old, married, and a lawyer by

profession. His height is five feet ten inches, and he weighs one hundred and thirty-five—light and rather sandy complexion, with a temperament that will keep him pretty closely applied to whatever he pursues, with a good deal of spirit and vigor. Mr. F. is really a model in the Senatorial calling. He is grave, earnest and sincere, in whatever he says or does—makes no foolish motions; and manifests more regard for his subject than himself. I do not recollect to have heard him start a subject for fun, or seek an opportunity to “give somebody a hit.” In politics he is a Whig, firm and consistent, and well represents his party, without injury to his constituents. His sympathies are with the people, though he is careful that they shall act through an orderly channel. His manners are polished, and his bearing is dignified without ostentation. He will be noticed by a stranger, and set down as one of the best members of the Senate.

JOHN FERGUSON

Hails from the District of Monroe and Guernsey, and lives in Guernsey, of which county I believe he is a native. His paternity is Irish and German, an excellent mixture for a strong character, of which Mr. F. is a very fair sample. His personal appearance is pretty good, near six feet high, with dark, (not black) stiff hair, which stands up in front *a la* Jackson. I should suppose from the name that his father was a Scotch Irishman, for he shows it in his manners, which are decidedly genteel. He has a greyish eye, which lightens up in speaking; but his style is not good, though his arguments are well framed and to the point. He is too emphatic, and says little things on too large a scale. Except for this he would be an agreeable speaker. He is a good working and efficient member. Unfortunately he has mounted the low salary hobby, and like almost any man that rides a pony, he shows to a disadvantage. He possesses this great redeeming quality, he is sincere, earnest and conscientious. His district is such that he is in no danger of being beaten by the Whigs, and his own party must find him a good representative. His action as a legislator is always governed by what he conceives to be the will of his constituents.

JOHN FUDGE

Represents the counties of Fayette, Clinton and Greene, in the Senate of Ohio. He is a Whig, of course, coming from that district. He is physically the largest man in the Senate—weighing two hundred and forty. His age is fifty-five, he has been thrice married, and is by profession a farmer. He resides a few miles east of Xenia. He is a native of Botetourt county, Va., but has

been a citizen of Ohio most of his life. He is a robust, hale man, with black hair, carrying his age well, looking young and not yet grey. His complexion, of course, is dark, and his temperament bilious. In manners he is courteous and agreeable—indeed, he is remarkable for plain, old-fashioned *bon homme*. You will always see him in his place in a good humor, and ready to cast a vote intelligibly, and conscientiously. He has filled a seat in a Legislature several times, and has seen stirring days in that service. As a Senator, he is something of a model, attending well to what ought to be done, and taking no interest in the useless flourish of legislation. A Senate and House of such men, would do up matters in a reasonable time, bore nobody with their fancies, vote themselves fair wages, and go home and meet their constituents with a good face. As a candidate for office, he comes up to the Jeffersonian ordeal—*honest, capable and faithful*. He loves fun, but will not indulge in it at the expense of propriety. You would like him at first meeting, and shake hands with him warmly on parting.

RANSOM A. GILLETT

Comes from the District of Summit and Portage. He was born in Mesopotamia, Trumbull county, Ohio, of English and Scottish descent, five feet nine inches high, weighing 142 pounds. He is married, and by profession a merchant. He has dark hair and beard, which latter he keeps shaved. His head would pass very well before a phrenologist. His personal appearance is quite good, and when single, I have no doubt but the taste of his fair friends had some controlling influence in the tie of his cravat and lustre of his boots. His bearing is genteel, and his manners affable, and very well calculated to make him an agreeable member. He was chairman of the Committee of invitation to Kossuth, and acquitted himself well in the office. He does not speak often, but what he says is to the point. He has on one or two occasions made speeches that did credit both to his head and heart. When the Senate finally adjourns, Gillett will get a hearty shake of the hand all round.

SAMUEL E. HIBBEN

Represents Highland and Ross. He is a native of Uniontown, Pa.—his father English and his mother Scottish. He is now 47 years of age, married, and by profession a merchant. He is lightly built, weighs 140, five feet 9 inches high—of dark complexion, and quite pleasing expression. His most remarkable trait is a serious, earnest attention to business, without the least disposition to trifle or play with subjects before him. In manners, he is something of a gentleman of the old school—plain and pol-

ished. He is a man that you will like as soon as you see him—and he will be respected, by men of all parties and conditions, while none will feel unpleasantly restrained by his demeanor. He will smile at a chaste joke, while few will dare to venture a ribald one in his hearing. He is a Whig in politics, somewhat of the conservative cast; but if his party wanted to do a wrong thing, I do not think he would be found with them.

ELISHA P. HILL

Represents the District of Huron, Erie, Sandusky and Ottawa. He is a native of New Madison, Connecticut, of English descent—40 years old, married, and a farmer by profession. He is over medium weight, 175 pounds—five feet 10½ inches in height. Mr. Hill is quite a plain, unassuming man, who is evidently not very conversant with the business of legislation. But he is always at his post, attentive and prompt in voting to the point. Whatever he does will be to some purpose, and his constituents will not complain of him that he has been spending his time in making a fuss about nothing.

SANDERS W. JOHNSTON

Hails from Clermont and Brown, and of course is a Democrat, “after the straitest sect.” He is a native of Minerva, Mason county, Kentucky—now a resident of Georgetown, Ohio. His parentage is Scotch and English. He is married, and practises law. I understand that he married a daughter of Hon. T. L. Hamer. In appearance, personally, he is somewhat singular, of light complexion, and just about medium stature, quite retiring, and slow in speech, beginning as if he was just waking up, but warming as he goes. He is doubtless fond of a good sly joke. As a Senator, he has not made much noise so far; but he has, in what he has said, made an impression, and a favorable one. He is really a strong and remarkably pointed speaker, and clear of anything like “Buncombe.” I think Mr. Johnston will be remembered here as a useful, sensible and unobtrusive member.

JONATHAN KILBOURN

Is a native of Hamilton, which, with the counties he now represents—Butler and Warren—is the great pork region of Ohio, and if he is not, ought to be, like the old Pennsylvania Senator, “*a goot chuge of hocks*.” He is 35 years old, of English parentage, married, and engaged in the business of merchandizing. He is five feet eight inches high, and weighs 158. In politics he is Democratic; but he has the faculty of keeping on the best of terms with his Whig friends. Indeed, he is liberal and earnest

in the endeavor to carry out Democratic principles, in the broad sense of the term, and appears to act from his convictions of right. Mr. K. is not what you would call a brilliant man, and he has no aspirations toward that appearance. He is modest, plain and unassuming, courteous and kind in his personal manners; and as a Senator, he is practical and sensible, never boring the Senate with long speeches, and saying just what he means, so as to be understood, in short space.

JAMES McKINNEY.

This is the Senator from Jefferson and Columbiana. He resides in Steubenville. He is a native of Baltimore, Md., of Irish parents. He has lived out his half century, and does not look much the worse for it, except in a slight stoop in the shoulders; in height nearly six feet, weighing 160. By trade he is a carpenter, but is now in the lumber business. He is one of your clever fellows, in the Virginia sense of the word clever; and I do not think there is a man in the Senate that is better liked. If there is a joke or piece of fun on hand, Mac is always called in to share it. He is not a talking Senator, but he is always in his seat, and attentive to business. As long as his District remains as it is, we cannot see why he should not hold the seat here, if he desires it.

JOHN MACK

Represents Ashland and Richland. He is a physician by profession. He is a native of Genoa, N. Y., of German and Dutch parentage, 41 years old, six feet high, and weighs 160. Mr. M. is neither a noisy or a babbling member; but he is always in his place and attentive to what is going on. I think he may be put down on the practical list. Coming from that District, I need not say he is a Democrat.

OSCAR F. MOORE

Represents the District of Adams, Pike, Scioto and Jackson. He is a native of La Grange, in Jefferson county, Ohio, a village immediately opposite Wellsburg, Va. He is 34 years old, six feet high, of 140 pounds weight, which makes him rather slender. His parentage is Irish and German; is married, and by profession a lawyer. He lives in Portsmouth. Mr. M. is a quiet, unobtrusive member, and as yet has said very little. He is a regular Whig, but ran ahead of his party at the last election. Few men are better liked on the floor of the Senate than he is, and I take it that he is popular at home. He carries himself like a man in the Senate; and while he is courteous, there is some-

thing about him that forbids much play, or the foolish nonsense that too often interrupts legislation. You may put him above the average.

WILLIAM MUNGEN

Represents the largest District in the State—Wood, Lucas, Fulton, Henry, Hancock and Putnam. He was born in Baltimore, Md., 30 years ago, of Irish parents. He is five feet and six inches high, and weighs 160, which constitutes him a “stout butt of a fellow,” in Western parlance. He would be of fair height, but his body is longest in proportion—a peculiarity of some very distinguished characters, as the Duke of Wellington, Gen. Taylor, the Countess of Blessington, and others. He is set down in the published tables as an editor and farmer—a kind of double-barreled arrangement, which has the fairest prospect of hitting with the latter barrel. Mr. M. is rather a good looking man, with a red goatee. As a Senator, he has a pretty full development of the working and talking talent, especially the latter. What he says is mostly to the point, and he speaks very well, in a plain style, but perhaps a little too often to be well received. He is in earnest about what he takes in hand, and does up his share of business promptly. He is rather chary of his standing with the Democracy of his district; and is a very good representative, and quite a clever fellow.

AARON PARDEE

Is the representative here of the District of Medina and Lorain. He is a Western New Yorker, and is a native of Marcellus, in Onondaga *keounty*—43 years of age, five feet 10½ inches high, and weighs 150. He is written down in the tables, Attorney and Farmer—another double-barreled arrangement, sure to hit in one case. His father was French and mother English. Mr. P. is quite a pleasant looking man, and agreeable in his manners. He calls himself a free democrat; and though ranking with the regular Democracy, he manifests a decided anti-slavery bias. He is quite an independent thinker, and speaks as independently as he thinks. Except for talking a little too often and a good while at a time, (which, by the way, he does with ability,) he would be a more efficient member. As it is, he is very hard to beat. He has got his ideas fixed on the doctrine that postage, pertaining properly to legislation and circulating documents, should be and can be paid by the State, and he sticks to it with a firmness embodying, to the full extent, the symbolic representation of that organ in Fowler’s Phrenology. He also stands up manfully for good salaries; and if Mr. Ferguson rides a pony, Mr. P. rides a real Canastoga, and with his head up at that. Among the

members he stands well, and I know of no one who dislikes Pardee. I take it, when a man is well liked by those with whom he is in immediate contact, he is not wanting in worth.

SAMUEL G. PEPPARD

Is from Belmont and Harrison, a Whig district, but he a Democrat. He is a Buckeye, and was born in Canton; 32 years of age, of Irish parentage. His height is five feet nine inches, and weighs but 120. His complexion is sandy, with brown hair and red beard. He is a nervous and energetic character, with a good deal of fire in his temperament, and physically so frail, that he reminds you of a steamboat with a good engine, large boiler, and weak hulk. He is now absent from ill health, and has been out of his seat several times on the same account. Mr. P. is an independent and pretty close thinker, and quite a clear reasoner. As a speaker, for force and eloquence, I should put him first in the Senate. His tendencies, in politics, are decidedly progressive, and ultra-democratic, in the broad sense of the term. In his profession as a lawyer, I should think he would figure better at the bar than in the office. He has talents that will distinguish him among thousands.

GEORGE REX.

This is the only royal name in the Senate, and, as if to show thoroughly the uncertainty of names, George is an out-and-out Democrat, held by his friends to be a safe representative of Wayne and Holmes. Thirty-three years ago he was born in Canton, Ohio, of English and German parentage. He is a well built man, five feet seven and a half inches high, and weighs 198—a lawyer by profession, and still unmarried—a fact that the ladies should not forget; because Mr. R. is among the best looking men in the Senate. He is quite a practical kind of a legislator, observing the propriety of action becoming his place. He does not speak much, but is generally to the point; and he may be put down as a useful member. He has conceived the vain idea that the Legislature will be ready to adjourn in March, and do without an extra session. This mistake I conceive to be the result of inexperience, this being his first session. A little seasoning will correct it.

HARVEY RICE,

The Senator from Cuyahoga, is, I suppose, better known to many of your readers than to me. He is a native of Conway, Mass., 51 years of age, six feet two, erect, and so well built that Frederick the Great would have held him at a premium. Mr. R. is very genteel in his manners, and makes a good impression at first

sight. He has a literary reputation of value, and has written some valuable essays for the magazines, as well as some excellent poetry. He is one of the most regular and prompt members in the way of business. I do not recollect to have missed him from his seat since the session commenced; nor do I recollect ever observing in him the least disposition to trifle with the business of the Senate. He seldom speaks more than three or four minutes, and then says nothing beyond what is necessary—a practice that adds to the appearance as well as standing of a member greatly. He is unobtrusive, retiring, and dignified in his bearing. The good impression at first sight, he will be apt to continue with those around him.

JOHN D. RICH

Is the Senator from Coshocton and Tuscarawas. He is 32 years of age, and a native of Senecaville, Ohio, of English and French extraction, five feet eleven inches high, weighing 172. He is quite a pleasant, good looking man. He is a Methodist preacher, and, I am told, makes a good sermon; but as a legislator, he strongly reminds one of “a cat in a strange garret.” If I were to judge by his style of speaking here, the man found asleep under his ministrations of a warm day, might not be the chief of sinners. He is always in his place, and attentive to business, and has the virtue of not boring the Senate with long speeches—for which he has my thanks, as he turns the augur very slowly.

ADAM N. RIDDLE

Is one of the three Senators of Hamilton county. He is a native of Cincinnati, of Irish and German descent, 45 years of age, and of course is one of the “oldest inhabitants.” He is five feet 11½ inches high, weighing 195. His hair and complexion are light, and his broad face is the picture of good nature, as well as expressive of intelligence and a good sound judgment. Mr. R. is Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and was a member of the same committee in the Constitutional Convention. As a legislator, he is industrious and persevering, and he appears to be in real earnest about pushing business forward, and at the same time doing it well. I do not think he has his superior, in this respect, in the Senate. He is not much of a talker. When a question is up he speaks to it, promptly, though he manifests a striking diffidence of manner in rising. He does not seem inclined to force his opinions upon others, unasked; but I take it, he would be slow in giving up what he thinks right, unless his judgment were convinced. In the discharge of his duties here, I hold him to be conscientious, honest and faithful. In his personal bearing he is urbane, and marked by a great deal of off-hand *bon homme*.

LABAN S. SHERMAN

Hails from "the benighted region of Ashtabula," the land of cheese and school houses. He also represents Lake and Geauga, and stands upon this floor as the lone star of Free Soil. He was born in Adams, Berkshire county, Mass., and is now 38 years of age, and by profession a lawyer. He is about six feet high, but stoops so much as not to show his height, and is rather slender. He has a queer kind of expression of countenance, that I suppose is the result of ill health, which, when he rises to make a speech, gives him the aspect of making a calculation whether the last night's milk is too sour for the morning cheese. Four or five minutes' speaking takes out these kinks, and his whole countenance brightens up and warms, till you see the internal man only; and then he is erect and handsome, showing that when his material form crystalized around his spirit, some disturbing cause was present to prevent a correspondence of the former to the latter. Mr. S. possesses a strong, clear mind, capable of conceiving properly of a subject in all its bearings, and then reducing that conception to an argument intelligible to the hearer. He is regarded here as one of the ablest men on the floor of the Senate. In his relations he is retiring, but affable and kindly in his bearing. His manners are earnest, and straight-forward, without the slightest affectation of flourish, or any roughness. As Free Soilers do not hold the balance of power this winter, Mr. F. has had an easy time of it as a party man, and has taken whatever course seemed best to him.

LOT L. SMITH

Comes from the District composed of Fairfield, Hocking and Athens. He is a tall specimen of the genus Buckeye, standing six feet two, in his stockings. He originated at Washington, Guernsey county, about the year of Grace, 1821. His descent is from the English, Irish and Knickerbockers, among all of whom the Smith family has been pretty well distributed. Mr. S. is a lawyer, residing at Athens, where I should suppose he is popular, at least personally, (though his politics don't belong to that meridian.) Smith is what you would call "a first rate fellow"—off-hand and free in his manners, without rudeness or any violation of propriety. In the capacity of Senator, he has made very little ado, but he has done his full share of work, and done it right. He does nothing in the way of speech-making; but when necessary, defends or advocates his position with clearness and energy. He stands well among his fellow Senators of both parties, being independent and liberal, never stooping to do a mean

thing because his party may have fallen into the error. He would be hard to beat at another election.

JOHN TAYLOR.

I was wrong in saying that Mr. Mungen represented the largest district in the State. That district is represented by Mr. Taylor, and consists of Mercer, Auglaize, Allen, Van Wert, Paulding, Defiance and Williams—a district remarkably well timbered and enjoying rather extensive water privileges. Mr. T. is a native of New Market, Shenandoah county, Va.; is now 55, with a white head—five feet and a half high, weighing 140. His parentage was Welsh and German. By profession he is a farmer. He is active on foot and at business, and dispatches work with skill and tact. He is not a speaker, but whatever he has said has been to some purpose. Mr. T. is one of the best specimens of a working legislator, without being fussy. Mr. Taylor is esteemed on all hands a good Senator.

JONATHAN J. TOD

Is the Senator from Trumbull and Mahoning, residing at Newton Falls, Trumbull county. He is a native of New Haven, Conn., and reports himself of Scottish and Hebrew descent. His age is 51, weight 190, height five feet eleven inches. He is a brother of Col. David Tod. Mr. Tod is a pleasant looking man, who is generally in a good humor. He is always in his seat, and votes promptly on whatever is up; but he does no talking. His weak point is too great haste in expressing his skepticism on the subject of religion; but I am told that at home he is deemed an excellent neighbor; and I have noticed here that his constituents who call on him, manifest warm friendship. In his solical relations with members he stands well. I have lived long enough in the world not to pass judgment upon a man who is not orthodox in religion; and I can forgive him for doubting, though I think wisdom is always manifested in not making our skepticism the standard of another's faith. Mr. T.'s opinions seem to have been called out by the invitation of the clergy to open the sessions with prayer, and giving them the use of the Library. On this subject, many pious men agree with him. I learn that he possesses popularity at home, and in politics well represents at least his party constituents. Indeed, here he has not manifested a very strong party bias, but has evinced at least the liberality of one who feels safe with his friends.

L. VAN BUSKIRK

Represents the District of Knox and Morrow. He is a native of Washington, Md., 41 years of age, of Irish and Dutch descent,

five feet eleven inches high, weighing 174. By profession he is a farmer. He is a quiet, practical man, assuming no flourishes, and doing the business assigned to him in a workmanlike manner. His personal appearance is very good, and his manners are marked with friendly though retiring bearing. As a Senator, he seems to be guided by a plain common-sense action upon subjects as they come up, rather than by party motives or preconceived plans. He would be recognized as a new member.

JOHN L. VATTIER

Is one of the three Senators from Hamilton. He is a Cincinnati by birth, 43 years old, of French and English parentage, weighs 155, six feet high, and so well built that Frederick the Great would have fastened on him at first sight. He is by profession a physician, and is eminent as such. He is a man of genteel and polished manners, with a fine education, but apparently not very well fitted for the scuffles of political life, as he is of extremely diffident and modest disposition. He is nevertheless firm in the defence and support of any measure he regards as important. He is Chairman of the Committee on Benevolent Institutions, and fills the post with ability and scrupulous faithfulness; and to that subject he is earnestly devoted. Mr. V. makes no pretensions to oratory; but his speaking is always pertinent and forcible, but in conversational style. His head and face are well developed, and calculated to make a favorable impression. His name is connected with the history of Cincinnati, as his father was among the first settlers in that city.

RANKIN WALKUP

Represents the counties of Miami, Shelby and Darke. He is a native of Urbana, Ohio; 36 years of age, of Irish and Scottish parentage, weighs 155, and is five feet $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, with light hair and complexion. He is a carpenter, and a practical mechanic, and the only one in the Senate. He is very modest and retiring in his habits; but nevertheless figures well on the floor. As a Senator, he is prompt, faithful and practical. He has no ambition to play the orator, but when he speaks he acquits himself well. Mr. W. may return to his constituents and look them full in the face, and except for the Whig majority that really exists in his district, with a certainty of re-election.

JOHN J. WILLIAMS

Comes from the District of Logan, Union, Marion and Hardin, and is the last Whig on the list. He is the youngest member of the Senate, being now 29 years of age. He was born in Steu-

benville, Ohio, of Irish descent. He is six feet high, and weighs 160, with an appearance of being a good deal older than he is, the result of poor health. He is married, and by profession a lawyer, in which practice he stands well in his and the adjoining counties. In the capacity of Senator, he is a good practical worker and makes few speeches, and those are pertinent and useful. He possesses a well formed and clear mind, quick to conceive of his subject and strong to elaborate its details. In his social relations, he is a warm friend, without being a bitter enemy. In the Senate he stands well, and his acquaintances need never hesitate to say that Williams is one of their particular friends.

JOEL W. WILSON,

The Senator from Seneca, Crawford and Wyandot, is the last man to vote and answer a call of the house. He is a tall, spare Vermonter, of light complexion, five feet eleven inches high, weighing 135, thirty-eight years old, born in Bridgeport, Vt., of Irish and Welsh parentage. He is a man of pretty good personal appearance, but letting the corners of his mouth drop too much, giving him a sorrowful air, that is scarcely overcome by his otherwise cheerful disposition. In his social relations he is affable and polite, manifesting a predominance of the kindlier feelings. I have no doubt he is a good neighbor. He is very rigid about the observance of parliamentary rules, and conceives well of points of order. That peculiar talent, or more properly taste, which makes a good drill officer, or president of a deliberative body, is well developed in him. He filled the chair as President *pro tem.*, at the beginning of the session, and did it well. He has made the grand mistake of introducing a militia bill here, containing provisions for the organization of a system of volunteer companies, supported by a commutation tax on those who have no military taste, and exemption from labor on the public highways; and the bill has met with nothing but opposition and ridicule at every step of its progress thus far. As a legislator, he would figure much better in the chair than on the floor. Of course he is a lawyer by profession, and holds the appointment of Aid to the Governor, with the rank of Colonel, though he wears the title of General, I suppose as an honor won on the peace establishment of the Ohio Militia. He is well liked here, and that is saying a good deal.

WILLIAM MEDILL

Is the President of the Senate and Lt. Governor of Ohio. He is a native of New Castle, Delaware, 42 years old, lacking half an inch of six feet high, 195 pounds weight, of Irish descent—a bachelor, and quite a good looking man. He holds the title of

Colonel, but I think takes little interest in military matters. He presided at the Constitutional Convention, and was in the War Department in the time of Polk, as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The public character of Mr. M. is well known in Ohio, and has become public property. As the presiding officer of the Senate, he fills the chair with ability and dignity. He is naturally well fitted for the place. His personal manners are quite agreeable, polished and dignified.

QUASI PENCILINGS OF THE SENATE.

CHARLES B. FLOOD is the Clerk of the Senate. He is a native of Alexandria, Va., of Irish descent, is 41 years old, weighs 151, and is five feet 11 inches high. He is a printer by profession, and has been many years connected with the Ohio Statesman, in which capacity he is pretty well known as an old political stager. He is not to say a bad looking man—is rather thin, and leans forward in walking; his face has a peculiar expression—one eye sticking out beyond the other, as if on the look-out for a “fat take,” as the printers say. This is the eye that is fixed on the political loaves and fishes with an earnest gaze. Mr. F., in his personal intercourse with others, is friendly, and inclined to be amiable; but his life’s love is so entirely fixed in politics, that he cannot fairly rise above it, and when the man would act, the politician says no. With his friend Medary, he seems to have concluded, that “the Constitution is in the hands of its friends,” and that Constitution, friends, and all, are in their hands. His course toward the Journal Reporter is evidence of this, and of a disposition to use power where he has it. I think he might, if in France, figure well as a conservator of the public peace, by looking out for liberal publications, and not have much trouble in persuading himself that he had done God’s service. He fills the office of Clerk very well; and as an officer, I think the business will be very well done up in his hands, and I have no doubt his friend Medary will think so too. He has the reputation of being a good neighbor and citizen, and that is a good deal to say of any man.

E. B. ESHELMAN is the First Assistant Clerk of the Senate. He is a native of Lancaster county, Pa., of mixed Irish and German descent, 27 years of age, and unmarried. He is small, five feet five inches high, weighing 122. Mr. E. is a printer, and is at present joint editor and publisher of the Trumbull Democrat. In politics he is of the Buchanan school, and has taken up and warmly maintains the idea, that his old neighbor would make a good President. As a Clerk of the Senate, he has been attentive and industrious, and has commanded the respect of all around him. In personal demeanor, I do not know a man on the floor of the Senate apparently more worthy of esteem. I have had an opportunity of observing him closely, and I take pleasure in testifying to his amiable and correct deportment.

ASA G. DIMMOCK is the Second Assistant Clerk. He is a native of Montrose, Pa., of English and Welsh descent, 38 years of age, five feet eight inches high, weighing 215. Mr. D. is one of the rare cases of a fat editor, showing that he has not taken politics much to heart. He is a printer by trade, and now edits and publishes the Holmes County Free Press. It is not necessary to mention the politics of any of these officers. Mr. D. is an efficient Clerk, but being employed in the office, I do not see much of him. In his social relations he is quite a friendly, good natured fellow, and I rather guess that, in the settlement of a difference, he would prefer steak and coffee to pistols.

RESIN WATSON is the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, so called; (but the office is not known to Ohio, that officer being known in the law as *Doorkeeper*.) He is a farmer at home, and quite an attentive and faithful officer here—always at his post, and prudent and careful with the management of the business in his charge—polite and accommodating. He is a native of Waynesville, Pa., 34 years of age, of Irish and German parentage, five feet ten inches high, and weighs 182.

EBENEZER RAWSON is Assistant Sergeant or Doorkeeper. He is a thorough Yankee, native of Worcester, Mass., and as he claims English descent, may come down from the Mayflower emigration. He is 41 years of age, weighs 162, and is five feet ten inches high. He is a civil engineer, and a very intelligent mechanic. It has fallen to his share of the work, to be mostly upon the floor; and in his intercourse with members, he has won the respect and esteem of all. I take him to be one of the best specimens of the practical and enlightened *Bourgeois* of the Reserve.

The other *attaches* of the Senate are :

G. W. HAMER, Message Clerk, a son of the late Hon. T. L. Hamer. He is quite a promising young man, 19 years of age—and the youngest man of the whole corps.

EDWIN PARKER, Assistant Sergeant, is a very pleasant, clever fellow, with red hair, and genteel appearance. He is lately married, and consequently in a good humor.

E. B. HARTWELL is another Assistant, who is employed in the Sergeant's room, and I guess always at his post.

J. S. KING is the very obliging and friendly Postmaster of the Senate. He is a shoemaker by trade, an intelligent and polite man, and highly esteemed in the Senate.

GEORGE HARRIS is a first rate, clever German, who looks after the fires, "*und macht uns warm.*" He is a native of Frettenheim, but has got pretty well seasoned to America.

GEORGE BARCROFT keeps the door. He is a citizen of Cadiz, Ohio. He is very attentive to the business of his post.

ALEX. STERRITT is the oldest man in the corps, being 64. He is a good specimen of the old-fashioned Democracy of Butler county, and a very friendly and kind old man. His job is to bring in the wood, which, of course, makes his berth the most laborious of all. He has the faculty of making himself agreeable, and is much respected among the members.

REPORTERS IN THE SENATE.

WM. F. WHEELER is the Reporter of the Ohio Statesman. He is a native of Orange county, N. Y. His parents descended from the early English settlers and the French Huguenots. His height is five feet nine inches, of light complexion. He is a printer by trade, but is at this time a practising attorney, of the firm of Wombough & Wheeler. He is a very pleasant and agreeable young man, of good personal appearance, and I think not wholly unmindful of the regard of the ladies, some one of whom ought soon to reciprocate the sentiment by voting *yea*. As a Reporter, he discharges his duties with ability and faithfulness, bestowing much labor on his reports, which are quite full. On the floor he stands well with members, and is much esteemed for his attention, correct and agreeable deportment. He was Secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee last year, which post he filled greatly to the satisfaction of his friends.

WILLIAM C. HOWELLS.—This is the Reporter of the Ohio State Journal. He is a native of South Wales, but brought up in Ohio—44 years old, about five feet seven inches high, 140 pounds weight, light complexion. He is a printer, and has for several years past been engaged in editing the Hamilton Intelligencer and Dayton Transcript, both Whig papers. In 1848, he dissented to the nomination of Gen. Taylor, but has otherwise acted with the Whigs. He also, in 1843, edited the Retina, a Swedenborgian periodical. As a Reporter, he appears to give satisfaction, and maintains a friendly relation with all the Senators. His experience gives him the means of making good reports.

PAGES OF THE SENATE.

As the rising generation is always important, I must not overlook the boys that figure on the floor of the Senate. I had but little idea, till I came here, of the electioneering that was practised in this department, or how important a matter was the appointment of the Pages, or Messenger Boys of each House. It constitutes a part of the patronage of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Like old office-seekers, the applicants at the opening of the session were neither few nor far between; and in the matter of electioneering, by inside and outside pressure, the boys were equal to the oldest stagers. In the Senate, four were appointed; but one of the candidates stuck to it, and finally got a resolution passed for his appointment. There are six of them now; but I know nothing of the appointment of the sixth. They are:

JOHN B. POLLOCK, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, 17 years of age. His father was first cousin to the author of the "Course of Time." He lives in Cincinnati, and is an unusually intelligent boy, perhaps a little too precocious, and appears more so from being small of his age. With care on his own part and that of his friends, he will make a man of promise. [He has since left.]

JOSEPHUS BETTS is a native of Clark county, 16 years of age, and is the largest of the six. He is a very steady and quiet boy, and naturally retiring in his turn, from which you cannot judge very closely of him. He lives in London, Madison county.

ROBERT W. LENNOX was born in Manchester, England. He is a fair, bright looking boy of 16, though small for his age; and is attentive and active in the discharge of his duties. His parents live in this city.

W. H. H. SHINN is a Buckeye boy, being a native of Hillsborough, in Highland county—13 years old, and is quite a busy and industrious fellow. His perseverance is untiring, and I should never fear of his success in the world, as he possesses the qualities that will enable him to fight his way.

GEO. K. PARDEE is a very nice looking boy of the Reserve, 13 years old. He is a son of the Senator from Medina. He has been here but a short time, but appears active and intelligent for his age. He is a native of Medina.

WILLIAM VANWERT was born in New York city, 13 years old, and larger for his age than others of his years. He is a well-behaved, steady boy, attentive and faithful.

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